GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1113
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2001
LODHI CASTE IN AS BACKWARD CASTE IN MAHARASHTRA
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the `Lodhi` caste has being identified throughout India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the `Lodhi` caste has been identified as a backward caste, particularly in Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the name of the states where this caste has been included as a backward caste?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Doesn`t arise.

(c) No Sir.

(d) & (e) As per the provision of the National Commission for Backward Classes(NCBC) Act, 1993, the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) has considered the proposal to include `Lodhi` caste in theCentral lists of OBCs for Maharashtra and has recommended rejection of the request for its inclusion as the community has not been found socially backward in the state of Maharashtra.

(f) `Lodhi` caste/community has been included in the Central lists of OBCsfor Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. This caste has also been included in the State of Gujarat as Lodha and in Harayana as Lodh/Lodha.